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that sold up to \$40.

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All the most desirable silks, in all
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50-inch Hudson Seal Coats--the \$185 grade--\$95.

Over one thousand suits--all reduced!

A variety embracing all colors, all the latest styles, and the most desirable materials.

Women's and misses' suits, sold up to \$30--\$15.

Women's and misses' suits, sold up to \$42.50--\$25.

2 and 3-piece suits, handsome models, were \$75--\$39.50.

Girls' shoe-top length suits up to \$27.50--\$12.98.

Suits for stout women, up to 51 bust measure--cut on special patterns--the \$40 ones, \$25; the \$50 ones, \$35.

PLEA FOR \$27,500 TO AID THE POOR

Charity Organizations Make
Public Appeal.

VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN BEGUN

Joint Finance Committee of Associated Charities and Citizens' Relief Association Will Try to Raise Sum Within Five or Six Weeks. Need of Money Is Urgent.

An active campaign for the purpose of raising \$27,500 will be begun at once by the joint finance committee of the Associated Charities and the Citizens' Relief Association. At a meeting of the committee held at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon ways and means were discussed, and it was decided to issue a public statement calling attention to the need of funds to properly carry on the charitable work of the two organizations.

Efforts will be made to raise the amount during the next five or six weeks. Attention is called to the fact that the sum asked is less than 10 cents per capita of the population of the District. The appeal reads as follows:

The joint finance committee of the Associated Charities and Citizens' Relief Association desires to take the public into its confidence for the purpose of securing its sympathetic and helpful co-operation. Briefly stated, the facts are as follows: Twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars is required to finance these charities for the current fiscal year. On December 1, 1909, the treasuries of both organizations had been swept bare. Last year, because of the lack of funds, economies were practiced, which, if continued, must inevitably impair the efficiency of these agencies for the relief, prevention, and cure of poverty.

Budgets Carefully Gone Over.

The budgets for the current year have been carefully scrutinized and unanimously approved by the boards of managers. The accounts of the Associated Charities are audited by the American Auditors' Company, and those of the Citizens' Relief Association by the president, Michael J. Weller, and the special auditing committee of the board. The objects and aims of these affiliated charities are to minister to the distress in such a way as to mitigate suffering, relieve poverty, and prevent crime.

Free Remedy for Weak Bowels

There are two forms of bodily cleanliness, the external and the internal. The one is for your pride in yourself, the other for your life and health. Both are important, but of vastly more importance in the long run is the internal cleanliness.

This is one point that all should watch about their body--the cleanliness of the bowels. Keep them clean and free from obstructions. To do this you must have a free and regular evacuation of the bowels each twenty-four hours. If your system does not do this naturally, in the process of eating and drinking, then you must obtain aid of some kind. After finding out that cathartics, salts, and such things relieve you for a day, but blind you up worse than ever the next day, then try a simpler and more natural remedy like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.

For the skeptical the best way to begin is to send your name and address to Dr. Caldwell for a free sample bottle. Use it as directed and if it convinces you that a brief continuance of its use will relieve you permanently--that it will train the stomach and bowel muscles to again work naturally at certain hours--then buy it of your druggist at 50 cents and \$1 a bottle, just as so many others are doing. They began with a sample bottle, then bought a 50-cent bottle, and now, fully convinced of its merits, they buy the one-dollar family size. All the members of the family can use it down to the very youngest.

A brief use of this grand laxative tonic will cure constipation in its worst form, indigestion, liver trouble, sick headache, sour stomach, and such ailments, and keep you in continuous good health at a very small cost. Such is the experience of many families like that of Mrs. Oscar Fleener, Unionville, Ind.; F. Daniel, Saron, Tex.; and hundreds of others that could be named.

PROBE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Foreman of Special Grand Jury.

Immigration Commission Sends Data to Aid in Prosecution--Work to Begin Soon.

New York, Jan. 3.--John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is foreman of the additional grand jury in the Court of General Sessions to investigate specially the entire white slave traffic of this city. This will be the first investigation under the administration of District Attorney Whitman. Mr. Rockefeller had been summoned to serve for this grand jury. When his name was called he withdrew from service. He did not know at the time that the special task of the grand jury would be to investigate the white slave traffic. Judge O'Sullivan informed him at once and then said:

"I have selected you foreman of the jury because of your standing in this community. You are to serve as a patriotic duty to your city." Mr. Rockefeller pleaded poor health and lack of experience, and said he would prefer that an older man were put in charge of the investigation, but he took his seat as foreman.

Some time ago Judge O'Sullivan decided to have the white slave conditions looked into and take the matter up with District Attorney Whitman and the solicitors interested in the matter. The solicitors volunteered to put in the hands of the district attorney all information they possessed. The United States Immigration Commission also came forward with what information they have gathered, much of which was embodied in the report recently made in Washington.

It was said that with what had been turned over to the district attorney the grand jury would have a large amount of material to start work with at once. They will not begin until the latter part of this week, as District Attorney Whitman has a few other matters which he wishes to dispose of before the additional grand jury.

ELECTION IS HARMONIOUS.

Opposition Fails to Materialize at Central Labor Union.

There was a large attendance last night at the meeting of the Central Labor Union, interest centering in the semi-annual election of officers. The expected opposition to the administration slate did not materialize, and all the old officers, with two exceptions, were re-elected. The two new members of the board are Charles D. Seals, vice president, and Newton James, financial secretary, both administration men.

The ticket elected was as follows: John B. Colpoys, of the Carpet Mechanics, president; Charles D. Seals, Retail Clerks, vice president; Sam De Nedrey, Brother Union of Carpenters, secretary; Newton James, Stationary Firemen, financial secretary; James W. Considine, Sheet Metal Workers, treasurer; Joseph A. Clarke, Painters and Decorators, sergeant-at-arms; Oliver P. Beaumont, Machinists; F. J. McKenna, Plate Printers, and Frank Rom, Brewery Workers, trustees. President Colpoys was elected to represent the central body as a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

F. Banks, C. J. Kilgour, D. S. Hands, S. M. Shown, and J. Tracey, delegates from the Chauffeurs' Union, were seated, and Jerry P. McCarthy, T. Mannix, L. J. Curtin, Robert R. Pletsch, and M. O'Mara, representing the reorganized Bartenders' Local, also were seated.

John A. Disch, international secretary of the Garment Workers of North America, was granted the floor to make an appeal for financial aid for the striking shirt waist makers of New York.

This developed to-day when it became known that one reason United States Representative John Sharp Williams would remain at his home in Yazoo City to-morrow, when the legislature convenes here to elect McLaughlin's successor, was to side-step the party split since to follow when ex-Gov. Vardaman's name is mentioned.

Ten candidates are in the field. A "dark horse" is not out of the question, although Vardaman is the popular choice.

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WOULD BURY BABY.

Father's Plans to End Life for Insurance Frustrated.

New York, Jan. 3.--When Gregory Kelly, a waiter out of work, walked into Hickey's Old Chop House, in John street, this afternoon, he intended to kill himself, so that the \$325 insurance on his life might save his little daughter from burial in potter's field.

He had planned, however, that before firing the bullet into his own brain he would take the life of Frederick Bischoff, the manager of the restaurant, and thus, as he believed, avenge the death of his four-months-old child. The shot from Kelly's revolver missed the manager's head by the fraction of an inch, and he was overpowered before he could turn the weapon upon himself.

He is now in Bellevue Hospital pending an examination into his sanity, while not far from him, in the morgue, lies the body of the daughter, whose threatened burial in a pauper's lot apparently had driven him to desperation.

REDFIELD PAINTINGS SEEN.

Many Persons Visit Special Exhibition at Corcoran Gallery of Art.

The thirty-four paintings of Edward W. Redfield, one of the leading American artists, now on exhibition at the Corcoran gallery, were viewed by many persons yesterday. Mr. Redfield paints directly from nature, and his work is, therefore, more true than that of many artists. The majority of the paintings portray winter scenes. Mr. Redfield having, to some extent, specialized along this line, but others depict summer and marine scenes.

One of the striking paintings on view is "The White House," which won the Norman W. Harris bronze medal at the Art Institute of Chicago last year. It shows an old country house and road, the latter winding down over a canal. "The Road to Center Bridge" is another attractive rural study. "The Harbor at Boulogne," showing the docks and quaint figures, is also one of the masterpieces of the collection. "Cedar Hill" and "Hillside Village" are pretty winter scenes.

Mr. Redfield, who is only forty-one years old, is the holder of many medals. His paintings are on exhibition in twenty-seven of the thirty public art galleries of this country, one of them, "The Delaware River," being the property of the Corcoran gallery.

The paintings will be on exhibition until January 23, during the following hours: Mondays, 12 to 4 o'clock; other week days, 9 to 4 o'clock; Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 o'clock.

FIGHT PURE FOOD ACT.

Big Canning Concerns Want to Use Benzene of Soda.

Indianapolis, Jan. 3.--The case of Williams Brothers Company, of Detroit, picklers and preservers, and Curtice Brothers Company, of Rochester, N. Y., manufacturers of catsup, against H. E. Barnhard, State food and drug commissioner, and the State board of health came up to-day before Edward Daniel, master in chancery in the Federal court, who will hear evidence in the case.

The complainants seek to enjoin the defendants from enforcing against them the rule of the State board against the sale of food stuffs in which benzene of soda is used as a preservative.

The suit is regarded as being a test case of great importance throughout the country. It is said that thirteen States have laws opposing the use of benzene of soda.

COMBINE TO BEST VARDAMAN.

Rooseveltian Democrats and Southern Republicans Oppose Him.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 3.--Rooseveltian Democrats and Southern Republicans have combined to beat ex-Gov. James K. Vardaman in his effort to succeed the late United States Senator A. J. McLaurin.

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TRUST COMPANIES TO MERGE

Three Big New York Concerns Planning a Consolidation.

Capital Will Be About \$5,000,000, and Name Will Probably Be Guaranty Trust Company.

New York, Jan. 3.--H. P. Davison, junior member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., announced to-night that three big trust companies in this city will be merged within a short time. The companies are the Morton Trust Company, the Guaranty Trust Company, and the Fifth Avenue Trust Company. Mr. Davison said: "A plan has been proposed for a merger of the three companies. They will be united under the name of the Guaranty Trust Company. A special meeting of each board was held to-day, and there was a quorum at each, when the plan was presented. The plan was unanimously recommended by all of the directors present."

"Levi P. Morton has consented to act as chairman of the new board," said Mr. Davison. "Meetings for each of the three boards have been called for Wednesday next, and at that time the resolutions covering the merger will be officially adopted. A special meeting of the stockholders will be held some time within the next two weeks."

Mr. Davison thought that the capital of the new company will be about \$5,000,000. The exact terms will be announced after the meetings on Wednesday. While it was not officially announced, the idea will probably be to run the Morton and Guaranty trust companies as down-town branches with the Fifth Avenue Trust Company looking after the business up town.

MISSION HERE FAILS.

Switchmen's Strike Conference in Capital Without Result.

S. H. B. Perham, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, and president of the railway employees division of the American Federation of Labor, who has been in Washington for a conference with Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Commissioner Still in an effort to bring about a settlement of the switchmen's strike in the Northwest, said last night he had not accomplished the object of his mission to this city.

"There is no news," said Mr. Perham, "to give out. There has been no change in the situation here. I'm trying to interest the national government officials in this strike in the hope of preventing its further spread. I hope to make some progress in the next few days."

TAFT FAVORS BOND ISSUE.

Will Recommend It in Message on Conservation.

President Taft has told Western Senators interested in the reclamation of arid lands that he will recommend to Congress in his special message on conservation, which will go in Monday, an issue of \$30,000,000 of short-term bonds, or certificates of indebtedness, the proceeds to be used to complete existing reclamation projects.

Senator Borah has a bill pending authorizing an issue of short-term bonds to the amount of \$30,000,000 for the same object.

The \$30,000,000 to be raised from the loan is to be repaid to the government from the proceeds of the sale of reclamation lands.

Ships to Visit South America.

At the request of the State Department, the Secretary of the Navy has ordered the formation of a special-service squadron, consisting of the armored cruisers Tennessee, Washington, Montana, and North Carolina, to visit Buenos Ayres next summer, when the fourth Pan-American conference will be held.

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HOPE FOR BIG GIFT.

Bible Society Wants Time to Complete Sum Needed.

New York, Jan. 3.--Mrs. Sage made a promise to the American Bible Society two years ago to give them \$500,000 if they raised a like sum by December 31, 1909. The society to-day thought it had between \$20,000 and \$40,000.

One of the secretaries of the Bible society said at the Bible House this morning that there had just been received a gift of \$5,000. This is the largest gift since that of Miss Helen Gould on Friday last for \$5,000.

A committee of the society is to meet at 3 o'clock to-morrow to count up all that has been received. It is hoped that the total may come within \$40,000 or \$50,000 of the required \$500,000, in which case the secretary said he and others hoped Mrs. Sage would give them a little more time in which to raise the remainder of the \$500,000 to meet the contingent gift of \$50,000 by Mrs. Sage.

MUST SERVE NEGROES.

Manager of Havana Cafe Fined and Ordered to Obey Law.

Havana, Jan. 3.--The manager of the Plaza bar, which last night was the scene of a disturbance because of the fact that two negro congressmen were overcharged for drinks, was fined \$70. During the hearing a mob of blacks jammed the courtroom and adjacent streets.

Immediately after the trial hundreds of negroes entered the Plaza Hotel, where they demanded and got drinks at the ordinary rates. To-night these negroes continue to walk aggressively up to the bar, demanding that they be served. None is refused.

INNOCENT MAN HANGED.

Confession Shows that Wrong Men Were Punished for Crime.

Pittsburg, Jan. 3.--Pittsburg became excited to-day over a dispatch from Wheeling, W. Va., that said that Joseph Wastello, a prisoner in the State prison at Moundsville, had confessed that he was the murderer of Contractor Samuel Ferguson, of Pittsburg, who was blown to bits with dynamite near Washington, Pa., September 25, 1902, and that he was ready to suffer the penalty for his crime when his sentence for burglary expires ten months hence.

One man has been hanged for the murder, and another is doing twenty years in Riverside prison for complicity.

GAYNOR APPOINTS THREE.

New York, Jan. 3.--Mayor Gaynor announced only three new appointments to-day. He made Arthur J. O'Keefe, who has been a member of the Civil Service Commission, deputy fire commissioner in charge in Brooklyn. Mr. O'Keefe is a Democrat. The mayor also reappointed Justice Howard J. Forker, of the Court of Special Sessions of Brooklyn, and police magistrate Voorhees, of Brooklyn, whose terms expired on the last day of the year.

Capt. Franklin Gets Respite.

New York, Jan. 3.--With the consent of Assistant District Attorney Pratt, two weeks more have been given to Capt. Franklin, U. S. A., former commissary at West Point, who pleaded guilty of embezzling government funds and sentenced to serve two and a half years, to prepare his argument on a writ of error.

Merrymaker's Fun Is Fatal.

New York, Jan. 3.--Mrs. Charles E. Ellis, who was badly burned at Martin's on New Year's Eve, died this afternoon at the New York Hospital. Her gown was set on fire from a toy balloon which caught fire from a flaming curtain, and she was severely burned around the chest, face, and arms. She was twenty-seven years old.

Hermann Trial Set.

Portland, Oreg., Jan. 3.--The trial of former Representative Binger Hermann on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States government out of public lands will begin here January 10 before Judge Charles E. Wolverton, in the United States District Court.

Cold on the Coast.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.--To-day was the coldest day in "Frisco" in twenty-two years, the mercury falling to thirty-six degrees above zero. There was a killing frost last night, which is also unusual. Coast range mountains, as well as Mount Tamalpais, are covered with snow.

LURTON TAKES OATH

Inducted Into Office When Supreme Court Opens.

SITS NEXT TO JUSTICE DAY

Oath is Administered by Clerk of Court, While Justices and Spectators Stand--Justice Moody Only Member of the Court Not Present at the Impressive Ceremonies.

The ceremonies of the inducting into office of Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, as an associate justice of the Supreme Court, took place immediately after the opening of the court at noon yesterday.

Mr. Lurton brought up in the rear of the procession of justices as they filed into the chamber, but took a seat near the clerk of the court. As soon as the justices had taken their seats on the bench, and the court crier announced that the court was in session, Chief Justice Fuller stated that the new justice had been appointed and confirmed and was present to take the oath of office.

At his direction the clerk read the commission issued by President Taft appointing Mr. Lurton associate justice during good behavior.

With the justices and the spectators standing, the oath of office was administered by the clerk, Mr. Lurton reading the usual form from a typewritten slip, and at its conclusion affirming by kissing the Bible. He then took his seat on the bench, at the extreme left of Chief Justice Fuller, and next to Justice Day, who congratulated him as the new justice joined the line. The court then went on with its business, which was the announcement of opinions.

Justice Lurton fills the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Peckham, and upon the return of Justice Moody, who has been unable on account of illness to be present this term, will make a full bench.

ADDRESS BY DR. THIRKFIELD.

Discusses Bible Reading at Christian Endeavor Union Meeting.

"Bible reading that builds character," was the subject of an address before the Christian Endeavor Union of the District of Columbia last night by Dr. Wilbur P. Thirkfield, president of Howard University. The occasion was a mass meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church.

The address was preceded by devotional exercises, under the leadership of A. Leonard Bowen, president of the Immanuel Christian Endeavor Society. At the business meeting Miss Alice M. Ridout was appointed to the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Philena A. Dickson, as superintendent of the missionary department.

D. A. Davis, religious work secretary of the Y. M. C. A., told of the missionary convention in Rochester Sunday night. He referred to the spiritual awakening in China, and spoke of the purposes of the Pocket Testament League, and the success with which it is meeting in this city.

Mrs. D. Olin Leach sang a solo, and there were several selections by the C. E. U. band.

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